

**State:** WY

**Forest:** BLM – Buffalo Field Office

**Project Name:** Middle Fork Site Recording I

**Project Dates:** July 11–17, 2010

**Time Commitment:** Must commit to entire session

**Description:** The Middle Fork of the Powder River area, located in the southern Bighorn Mountains in Hole-in-the-Wall country, is rich in both prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. Numerous sites were discovered and documented in the area between 1958 and 1990, but few were recorded in detail or tested for subsurface cultural remains. This year, we will start to set that straight! Volunteers and BLM archaeologists will survey to relocate these previously recorded sites and update them accurately with newly-produced maps, digital photographs, feature drawings, and artifact inventories. We will also do shovel tests to ascertain the presence and potential density of subsurface cultural materials. Volunteers will get to experience a broad range of Wyoming's archaeological resources during the project, including known prehistoric rockshelters, open lithic scatters, cairns, rock art, and stone circle sites. In addition, volunteers will do a survey of selected sandstone exposures in the area to identify previously unrecorded rock art panels.

Data from this PIT project will be used to help determine eligibility for the placement of sites on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and establish a management plan for the important resources of this area. Join us this July in the beautiful Bighorn Mountains as we hike through the history of Wyoming!

**Number of openings:** 4

**Special skills:** Must be physically capable of hiking moderate distances over often difficult terrain each day in a variety of weather conditions; previous GIS data collection (especially the use of Trimble XT and XM units), mapping and drawing, lithic material and tool identification, photography, and/or archaeological survey and excavation experience helpful, but not required

**Minimum age:** 10 years old, under 18 with a responsible adult

**Facilities:** Tent camping at no charge at Outlaw Campground; pit toilet, no potable water; Kaycee is a full-service community with motels, B&B, restaurants, RV parks, and a range of other amenities; volunteers responsible for personal camping equipment, food, water, and transportation

**Nearest towns:** Kaycee, 22 miles

**Applications due:** May 10, 2010

**Congressional District:** At Large (Wyoming)

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